Housing as an industry

2161. SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether in view of the housing sector having large potential for generation of employment and augmentation of production of building material Government propose to recognise the housing sector as an industry; and

(b) if so, the steps taken in this regard, and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b). The manufacture of building material already comes under the purview of industry and only the service sector is not within the purview of industry. In view of the fact that fiscal concessions are available on the lines of industry for construction activity, the Government has decided not to declare the entire housing sector as an industry.

Number of beggars in Delhi

2162. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of beggars in Delhi as on March 31, 1989;

(b) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to conduct any survey of beggars in Delhi; and

(c) if so, by when such a survey is likely to be conducted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (DR. RAJENDRA KUMARI BAJPAI): (a) Total number of beggars in Delhi are not known to Delhi Administration.

(b) No such proposal is under consideration of the Government at present.

(c) Does not arise.

Suspensions dismissal and compulsory retirements in CPWD

2163. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Engineers, Assistant Engineers and Junior Engineers who were suspended/dismissed/compulsorily retired in CPWD during the last three years with names and designation of each one of them;

(b) the number of cases at present pending where disciplinary proceedings have been initiated against CPWD Engineers, Asstt. Engineers and Junior Engineers; and

(c) the details of steps taken by Government to clearance CPWD from fraud and corruption?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) A statement indicating the names and designations of the Engineers of the rank of junior Engineers and above who were suspended/dismissed/compulsorily retired in CPWD during the last three years, is attached. (*See* below).

(b) The number of disciplinary cases pending against Engineers of the rank of Junior Engineers and above are as indicated below:

(i) Superintending Engineers	9
(ii) Executive Engineers	21
(iii) Asstt. Engineers	17
(iv) Junior Engineers	59

(c) As per policy of the Government for containment of corruption in public life, three pronged strategy—preventive, surveillance and detection, and deterrent punitive action has been adopted. This includes identification of corruption-prone areas, simplification of rules and procedure to out delays, rotational transfers of staff, shifting of officials under cloud from sensitive to non-sensitive places surprise inspection of Divisions by the Vigilance Unit of CPWD, intentsive examination of works and engineering stores and materials by the Chief Technical Examiner's Organisation of Central Vigilance Commission and imposing speedy and exemplary punishments on officer found guilty.